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2:10 p.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith the detailed notes on Baggs and Ashmore in Hanoi. I have marked the most relevant passages. Their message is:

1. Hanoi is tired of the war and wishes to end it honorably.

2. They interpret Ho as saying, stop bombing and he will talk.

What comes through clearly, as it has with other recent visitors to Hanoi, is that they are trying to wig-wag to us that they might be willing to settle by negotiation.

We shall see.

Walt Rostow

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